

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION**

FIRSTENERGY CORP., <i>et al.</i> ,	)	Case No. 1:20-cv-1966
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Plaintiffs and	)	Judge J. Philip Calabrese
Counterclaim Defendants,	)	
	)	Magistrate Judge
v.	)	Jonathan D. Greenberg
	)	
MICHAEL PIRCIO,	)	
	)	
Defendant and	)	
Counterclaim Plaintiff.	)	
	)	

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE**

Pursuant to Rule 11(c)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Court orders Plaintiffs FirstEnergy Corp. and Clearsulting LLC to show cause why they have not violated Rule 11(b) or should not otherwise be sanctioned under the Court's inherent authority. Specifically, the Court requests an explanation of how the filing of two documents on the public docket complies with Rule 11(b)(1) and (3) and what proper purpose these public filings serve. The documents are correspondence from Mr. Pircio's counsel to Plaintiffs filed at ECF Nos. 10-1 and 1-3 and had the effect of publicly identifying Mr. Pircio as a whistleblower.

The Court orders FirstEnergy and Clearsulting to file separate briefs within fourteen (14) days of the date of this order responding to the Court's inquiry and identifying by name and title the person who authorized the filing of each document identified above for FirstEnergy and Clearsulting, respectively, whether that person is outside counsel, in-house counsel, or a non-lawyer. Within fourteen (14) days of

the date of these submissions, counsel for Mr. Pircio may respond to the submissions of FirstEnergy and Clearcutting if they so desire, but they are not obligated to do so.

**SO ORDERED.**

Dated: March 8, 2021

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. P. Calabrese', written in a cursive style.

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J. Philip Calabrese  
United States District Judge  
Northern District of Ohio